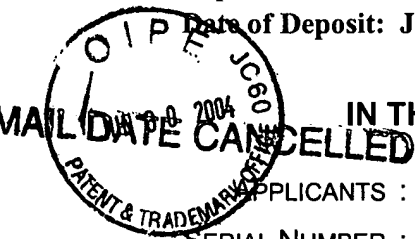


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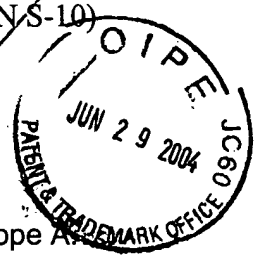
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (Office Action dated January 29, 2004) (10 pages);
2. Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);
3. Terminal Disclaimer Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (1 page);
4. Copies of References B1 through C19 listed on Revised Form 1449, filed November 11, 2001;
5. Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate);
6. Check #18917 in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of Terminal Disclaimer fee and Check #18918 in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of Extension fee; and
7. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-540 CON S-10 (CURA-40 CON S-10).

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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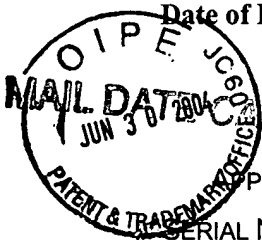
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicant also submits herewith: (1) a courtesy copy of the Oath/Declaration submitted on November 21, 2001, including the page bearing Applicant's signature; (2) a Terminal Disclaimer Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); (3) a courtesy copy of each of references A1-C19 listed on the Revised Form PTO-1449, which was filed on November 11, 2001; and (4) a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, up to and including June 29, 2004, with the required fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.